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**FEDERAL JURY IN SAN ANTONIO CONVICTS MAN OF PREPARING FALSE FEDERAL
INCOME TAX RETURNS**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that fifty-four year old Willie Clark, Jr. was convicted of five counts of preparing false federal income tax returns and five counts of filing false claims against the United States.

At trial, the government showed that Willie Clark, Jr., held himself out as a federal tax return preparer who could do a better job in preparing returns than most return preparers. The returns he prepared claimed large losses from mostly non-existent businesses. Despite preparing the returns, he refused to sign as the preparer and did not go over the tax returns with the taxpayers before filing. Once this case was being investigated, Clark disavowed knowing the taxpayers, but various evidence tied him to the returns including fingerprints, documents recovered from his trash, electronic filing evidence, handwriting analysis, and of course the statements of the taxpayers.

The government showed that the total amount of the false claims made on the 23 filings prepared by Clark is \$137,014. This case was investigated by the IRS Criminal Investigation Division, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and the United States Postal Inspector. It is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Bill Harris.

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